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REF 8: This reference discloses a biopsy instrument and method for acquiring subcutaneous biopsies and for removing lesions.

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